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Jim, Rick and Bob,

EPA understands that there are a couple of issues related to the Round 2B Sediment Core Sampling Program. The issues were described in a two recent emails from Gene Revelas and are summarized below:

1. Sample C492 is a 14' core in the fire dock inlet at Terminal 2. There is a barge moored over the target that according to the Port is in long-term storage and cannot be moved this week, perhaps it can moved next week, but the owner must first be contacted. According to the field crew, it is possible to get to within about 75 ft of the target to the SSW (into the slip).
2. One of the seven US Moorings 20' cores scheduled for sampling next week, C526, is located at the same location as a sampled Round 2A core, C263, where we obtained a 12.3' last fall. This location also is also a targeted peeper location (yellow dot on map) for next week so coring in that general area needs to be avoided. Given that there are two R2A surface samples and the 12' core from this immediate area (within a 150 circle or so), collecting a core another core at C526 does not seem warranted. The other cores, C525 and C527, just upstream and downstream of this area will be collected next week.

Regarding the first item, sample location C492 should be changed from a 14' core to a 20' core. This will allow extra time to contact the barge owner and have the barge moved to access the targeted location. It is important that we be as close to the targeted location as is practicable. Regarding the second item, because sample C263 coincides with the proposed sample location C526, sample C526 does not need to be collected and should be dropped.

If you have any questions, please contact Chip or I.

Thanks, Eric